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North Korea intercepts Air Force aircraft

By Kathleen T. Rhem American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- Four North Korean fighter jets intercepted a U.S. Air Force plane in international airspace over the Sea of Japan early March 2, Defense Department officials said.

Two North Korean MiG-29 fighters and two other North Korean aircraft believed to be MiG-23s engaged an American RC-135S Cobra Ball reconnaissance aircraft on a routine mission 150 miles off the coast of North Korea, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Pentagon spokesman, said March 3.

The North Korean fighters "shadowed" the American plane for 22 minutes starting at 10:48 a.m. local time. Davis said the North Korean aircraft closed to within 50 feet of the American airplane at an equal altitude.

The fighters were armed and at least one may have engaged its fire-support radar and "locked on" to the American jet, he said. The RC-135S then returned unharmed to its home base in Kadena Air Base, Japan.

Defense officials said the incident is the first direct hostile act by North Korea since MiG-17 fighters shot down a U.S. Navy EC-121 reconnaissance plane over the Sea of Japan in April 1969, killing all 31 people aboard.

Fifteen months before that shootdown, North Korean sailors boarded and captured the USS Pueblo in international waters off the coast of North Korea. One American sailor died defending the ship in the initial attack. North Korea held the surviving 82 crew members for 11 months before releasing them. All reported being beaten and tortured during their captivity. North Korea kept the Pueblo and today maintains it as a museum and propaganda tool, said DOD officials.

Bush: Terrorist's Arrest 'A Serious Blow to al Qaeda'

By Kathleen T. Rhem American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 4, 2003 -- The arrest in Pakistan of a senior al Qaeda leader "struck a serious blow" to the terrorist group, President Bush said today.

Pakistani officials over the weekend reported the arrest of Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, a top al Oaeda leader, during a March 1 raid in Rawalpindi.

"The man who masterminded the Sept. 11 attacks is no longer a threat to the United States of America," Bush said today to cheers and applause at a conference of the American Medical Association in a Washington hotel.

He called Mohammed "the top operational planner (and) the top killer of the al Qaeda network."

The president told the group the war against terrorism is different from previous wars and that it requires patience and focus.

"It's a war in which we will hunt down those who hate America one person at a time. The terrorists are learning there is no safe place for them in the world," he said. "They're discovering that justice can arrive by different means, at any hour of the day and night."

The Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America changed this country in ways far beyond the deaths of 3,000 people. "We learned a harsh lesson, and that is oceans can no longer protect us from those who hate America and what we stand for," Bush said.

He noted America is committed to "dealing with Iraq" because that country's dictator has weapons of





Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, a top al Qaeda leader, was recently arrested in Pakistan.

mass destruction, he's demonstrated he's willing to use them, and "he can't stand America, he can't stand our friends, he can't stand our allies."

Bush said the United States has worked with allies and international organizations in the war against terrorists and will continue to do so in dealing with Iraq. "(America) went and got another resolution almost four months ago, unanimously approved by the (U.N.) Security Council, which said clearly: 'Saddam, you must disarm," he said.

The president has said often, and said again today: The choice between war and peace is Saddam Hussein's to make.

"It's his choice whether to listen to the demands of the free world," Bush said. "But no matter what his choice may be, for the sake of peace, for the sake of freedom, for the sake of security of our people, Saddam Hussein will be disarmed."

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Inspection team observes real-world deployments

By 1st Lt. Robert Lazaro Public affairs

A 14-member inspection team from Air Mobility Command headquarters visited Grand Forks Air Force Base to observe and rate the wing's deployment capability for an initial response scenario. When the team arrived Feb 26, they were privy to inspection of an actual deployment of missions to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"This is the first time I've conducted an inspection like this," said Col. Michael Cole, HQ AMC Inspector General team chief. "Although it was a quick, short-notice visit, Grand Forks will still get credit for the inspection."

In a candid feedback session at the Prairie Rose Chapel annex the inspector shared with base leadership and representatives from all the groups and functional divisions the strengths and weakness of our deployment processing observed during the inspection.

"The big picture for operations was great," said Maj. Kevin Schiller, HQ AMC, Operations inspector. "The people were knowledgeable and flights were smooth and well thought out."

Another area that the inspectors found particularly effective was the "one-stop" shop for aircrew processing located in the 319th Operations Group headquarters. One-stop takes the products from scheduling, weather, Intel, and various other mission planning offices and centrally locates them in one area for pilots and boom operators to develop the packages that they'll need to fly their missions.

"The preflight crews helped out with time management and the one-stop shop area for air crew processing worked out well," said Schiller. "They greatly contributed to getting the planes out early."

Cargo process tracking did take a hit as Capt. Harry Heiser, HQ AMC Logistics Plans inspector observed, "The maintenance operations center has many excellent processes they just have to tighten up in tracking."

Master Sgt. Chistopher Faith, HQ AMC Air Transportation inspector, even went as far as recognizing the specific efforts of Airman 1st Class Shane Looney from the 319th Logistics Readiness Squadron stating, "He worked long hours to fix the problems and make sure all items were processed correctly."

The inspection team recognized the high deployment rates as well as the youth and inexperience of base members as contributing factors to the areas that needed improvement.

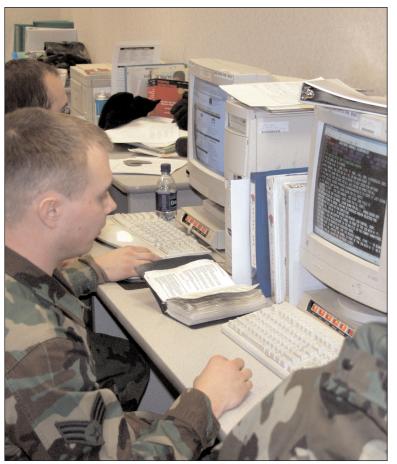
"Over-all the base's performance during the inspection demonstrated a professional organization," said Cole.

HQ AMC is still compiling the data for Grand Forks AFB's official grade for the Initial Response Inspection.

"We are all one team." Col. Keye Sabol, 319th Air Refueling Wing commander said after the inspection. "We appreciate the inspectors visit and honest feedback to help us improve our processes.

News

Inside the tool crib:



Aircraft maintainers look over aircraft specifications on the computer at the Knight aircraft maintenance unit.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Airman 1st Class Michelle Cosgrove, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron guidance and control specialist, heads out of the tool crib for her next job. The motto behind her demonstrates what the squadron's aircraft maintainers must do every day.



Tech. Sgt. Todd Brady, 319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, reviews jobs the Knight aircraft maintenance unit is working on for the day Tuesday.



Aircraft maintenance personnel in the Knight tool crib prepare tools and technical manuals for maintenance people heading out to the flightline to work on aircraft.

ALS graduates 25

Airman Leadership School Class 03B graduated Feb. 18.

Staff Sgt. Ian Brown

319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Senior Airman Javier Calvillo 319th Civil Engineer Squadron Senior Airman Justin Churchill 319th Communications Squadron Senior Airman Eric Daugherty 319th Maintenance Squadron

→ Senior Airman Brian Erdmann
Distinguished Grad, 119th Security Forces
Squadron (Air National Guard)
Senior Airman Keelan Rasmusson
319th Comptroller Squadron

Senior Airman John Ruleau
319th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
Senior Airman Tomas Sanchez Jr
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319th Communications Squadron

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319th Medical Operations Squadron

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-- Denotes Academic Award Winner

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Briefs

Promotion test change impacts deploying airmen

Commanders of technical and master sergeants facing short-notice deployments now have greater flexibility as to when their airmen test for promotion.

New overseas manning requirements and the freezing of the air and space expeditionary force cycle prompted officials at the Air Force Personnel Center here to adapt new procedures for deploying airmen.

In the past, the number of airmen receiving deployment orders while in their testing window was small, said Ken Schwartz, chief of the center's test management section. They were generally required to test before departing, providing they had access to study materials for at least 60 days.

Now, noncommissioned officers in the current test window who receive short-notice orders can have their commander delay testing if circumstances warrant, said Schwartz. Those who delay their testing will test out of cycle when they return.

Officials are also considering the merits of applying this change to those testing for staff sergeant May 1 to 31;

however, no decision has been made.

For more information, visit the career enhancement office at local military personnel flights or visit the enlisted promotions. Web site at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/.

Common access ID card

The base is transitioning to the new Common Access Card for official identification of active duty military, some civilians, and contractors. There won't be mass CAC issue.

New ID cards will only be issued to those who have a need for one. Current DD2 (green active duty cards) as well as the civilian and contractor cards will continue to be valid forms of identification for the foreseeable future. For details visit https://afpki.lackland.af.mil or call 2nd Lt. Erica Foster at 747-3165.

Separating soon

Find out how the Air Force Reserve can make your transition into civilian life more profitable. MPF Bldg, 2nd Floor room 212C For details call Master Sgt. Helenka Sommers at 747-4339.

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News

Franks: Forces Ready for Military Action in Iraq

By Kathleen T. Rhem American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, March 5, 2003 – The U.S. Army general who would lead any troops into battle in Iraq said today that America's forces in the region are trained, ready and capable.

"If the president of the United States decides to undertake military operations ... there is no doubt we will prevail," said Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the U.S. Central Command in Tampa, Fla.

Franks and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld were quick to caution during a Pentagon media briefing that President Bush has not yet decided to use military force to disarm Iraq.

The media have speculated that the United States is not ready to go to war in Iraq because Turkey has been reluctant to allow U.S. troops to be based in that country. Turkey shares its southern border with Iraq, so a cooperative Turkey could provide a valuable route into northern Iraq.

Rumsfeld today refused to criticize the NATO ally, saying Turkey is a democracy and entitled to make its own decisions. "What they may ultimately decide remains to be seen," he said. "In any event, ... we have 'work-arounds."

Franks assured that the U.S. military could

respond to any mission required of it -- even if Turkey doesn't allow the staging of several thousand troops on its soil. If military action is called for, Franks said, "we are in a position to provide a military option."

Rumsfeld also thanked the government of Pakistan for its continued assistance in the war on terrorism, particularly the capture this week of senior al Qaeda terrorist leader Khalid Shaikh Mohammed.

The secretary said this demonstrates that regardless of attention paid to Iraq, America is still committed to finishing the job of assisting the government of Afghanistan to build a stable country.

"It's worth noting that this weekend's arrest came at the same time that coalition forces were flowing into the Persian Gulf region in support of the diplomatic efforts and in preparation for possible military action in Iraq," Rumsfeld said. "Any who suggest that a determination to disarm Iraq would distract us from the global war on terror would be wrong."

He said that just because the war on terrorism isn't in the headlines doesn't mean it's not a priority. "The global war on terrorism is like an iceberg," Rumsfeld said. "Ninety percent of what's going on is below the water, and all that is visible is a much smaller five or 10 percent."



DoD photo by R. D. Ward.

Gen. Tommy R. Franks, U.S. Army, commander in chief, U.S. Central Command, briefs reporters in the Pentagon.

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AF announces E-8 promotions March 19

Air Force officials plan to announce the service's newest senior master sergeants March 19.

The list of those promoted at each installation is releasable the first duty hour on the release date. The entire list will be posted on the Air Force Personnel Center's Web site at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/ by March 21.

Those selected will be promoted to senior master sergeant between April and March 2004 in monthly increments.

The Senior NCO Academy primary and alternate list will also be released with the promotion list.

MFH occupant inputs

Housing occupants who would like to provide comments (positive or negative) regarding the performance of either the housing maintenance or the housing management contractor should contact the quality assurance office at 747-6912 or 747-4758.

Twining auction

Would you like a gourmet meal cooked for you in your own home? Chef Kevin Ball, who has worked in some of the finest hotels and restaurants throughout central Ohio, will give you this opportunity.

Kevin has made TV appearances and has also been a guest chef at many fundraisers including "Taste the Future", the "Columbus Star Chef Auction," and the "Grand Chefs" charity event. Kevin has donated his special talent for one lucky auction bidder. Plan to attend the First Ever Twining Auction at March 14 in the Twining gym.

Viewing and bidding begins at 6 p.m. with staggered table closings throughout the evening. Everyone who has access to the base is welcome to attend.

For details call Jacque Davis at 594-3972, Debbie Kinlin at 594-9572, Linda Phillips at 594-9226 or Cappy Younker at 594-9448.

Join Boy Scouts

All boys, Fifth Grade and older, are invited to join Boy Scouts. Now is the time to join and get ready for Boy Scout Summer Camp.

For details call Master Sgt. Richard Lien at 747-4174.

Unit commissioner needed

Immediate opening for a Unit Commissioner to oversee Cub Scout Pack 319 and Boy Scout Troop 319. No prior Scouting experience needed. For details call Master Sgt. Richard Lien at 747-4174.

OSC/ESC scholarships

Officer and enlisted spouses club scholarships are available. Forms are available at the base education center and from high school guidance counselors. Applications must be post marked Wednesday. For details call Joe Chine at 594-2288.

Angel Awards

Take a moment to applaud our volunteers by nominating some one you know that gives freely of their time for the benefit of others. For details on the officer spouses club Sandy Turner Angel Awards, call Tamara Boots at 594-9203 or e-mail maraboots@earthlink.net.

OPSEC tip

The following information is on the wing critical information list and should be protected: 319th Air Refueling Wing personnel's names, TDY status, TDY location, TDY duration, and security clearance level. The responsibility to protect this information rests with every individual and their families.

Update Emergency Data

For active duty AF members vRED is the new on-line version of the DD93. emergency data card. The Air Force is currently transitioning to this new online process via the virtual MPF (vMPF). Its important that every Grand Forks AFB military member have his/her vRED updated with correct information. The end result will be a computer database at AFPC with everyone's updated information in case of an emergency or war. The process takes only a couple minutes, allows you to print copies of the completed form, and like all vMPF programs is accessible 24/7 from any Internet connected computer.

With the current opstempo and an uncertain future, its important that everyone complete this quickly, and if on mobility, provide a copy to unit UDMs.

For details call Capt. Frank Virgadamo at 747-6216.

Base theater

Today, 7 p.m.

Darkness Falls (PG-13)

Kyle (Chaney Kley) returns to his hometown to help save his childhood sweetheart's (Emma Caulfield) little brother who is suffering from the same kind of horrible hallucinations he endured as a kid. The box may be haunted by the ghost of as a kid. The boy may be haunted by the ghost of Matilda Dixon, the original, kindly Tooth Fairy, who was wrongly hanged by an angry mob in the town of Darkness Falls 150 years ago, and has come back seeking vengeance.

Saturday, 7 p.m.

Narc (R)

Detroit police narcotics officer Nick Tellis (Jason Patric), a recovering drug addict, is assigned to investigate the murder of a young rookie cop and teams with the dead cop's partner, Lt. Henry Oak (Ray Liotta), who's out for blood. As Tellis gets closer to learning the truth, he discovers he may have been set up.

Sunday, 7 p.m.
Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R)

Based upon the memoir of the same name, this darkly comical biography chronicles the life of Chuck Barris (Sam Rockwell), the man who created The Dating Game, The Gong Show, and The Newlywed Game and who claimed that he led a double life as an assassin for the CIA (it's never been proved one way or the other). The movie marks the directorial debut of George Clooney, who recruited a couple of his movie star friends (Drew Barrymore, who plays Barris' lover and occasional companion, and Julia Roberts, in a bit part as a mysterious spy) to

March 14, 7 p.m. Biker Boyz (PG-13)

March 15, 7 p.m. Final Destination 2 (R)

> Tickets: \$1.50 children, \$3 adults For details, call 747-3021/6123.

Base chapel

CATHOLIC:

Mass: 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. Sunday. Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday 11:30 a.m. Sunflower Chapel **CCD:** 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Twining Elementary School, RCIA plus Confirmation Reconciliation: 4 p.m. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Sunday, or by appointment, Sunflower Chapel

PROTESTANT:

Traditional worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Sunflower Chapel. Liturgical worship: 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel. Contemporary worship: 6 p.m. Sunday, Prairie Rose Chapel Young Adults: 6 p.m. Friday, Chaplain Swain's home 747-4359 Youth: 4 p.m. Sunday, meet at youth center Religious Education: 9 a.m. Sunday, Eielson Elementary School. Men of the Chapel: noon Monday, Prairie Rose

conference room

For details call Sheila Farquharson at 594-3960 or Synagogue B'nai Israel at 775-5124.

RUSSIAN/EASTERN ORTHODOX: For details call Dr. Levitov 780-6540.

MUSLIM, BUDDHIST, OTHER: For details call 747-5673.

Values are hallmark

By Col. David Francis Staff Judge Advocate

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AFPN) -

From entry-level training for new recruits to the every-day news coverage of events in Afghanistan, Iraq and elsewhere around the world, we are constantly told that today's military is the most "professional" in America's history.

Within the Air Force, we pride ourselves on being "professional" officers, airmen and civilians who provide "professional" support to our warfighters.

Despite this, few of us ever take the time to think about what being a professional in today's Air Force really means. Were we to do so, I think most of us, while we have some idea of professionalism in the broadest sense, would agree that it is hard to define.

In fact, there are so many aspects to professionalism, both large and small, that it would take a lifetime to fully explore. Even then, I expect we would all come up with different definitions.

There are, however, certain fundamental values that the many professionals I have been privileged to meet in my career hold dear. I want to share what I believe are four of the most important.

To me, these four values epitomize the "IDEA" of the true professional.

Integrity: The "I" in "IDEA" represents the single most important part of professionalism. It is the very bedrock upon which our professional military stands and without which it must surely fail.

That foundation is integrity, once described by Gen. Lee Butler, last commander-in-chief of Strategic Air Command, as "that rock-ribbed, uncompromising, deeply rooted commitment to doing what is right in the face of all obstacles, consequences and temptations to do otherwise."

Integrity is the priceless commodity that allows us to trust our leaders with our careers, our military family environment and, in times of war, even our lives. It is also the essential ingredient that allows all of us to work as a team, to depend on the person next to us to do his or her job both well and honestly, so we can do ours.

Integrity involves more than what we normally think of as basic honesty. All of us know and recognize that we should not lie, cheat or steal, but that is just the easy part.

The hard part is knowing and making the right choice when the issues are much smaller or less clear-cut. Do you resist the urge to "borrow" government pencils, pens or other small supplies for the kids to use in school?

How many times have you as a supervisor been assigned a new worker who did not measure up to standards but had received the highest possible ratings on his or her last evaluation? How many of you, in rating your own people, have allowed your own appraisal of an individual's performance to be shaded by your personal friendship with that person?

You might think it doesn't matter, but how would you feel, and how would that person feel, if because of such a sterling, untrue rating, he or she was assigned to a critical job without the proper skills, causing that person and the mission supported to fail miserably?

The point is our system requires, and is built on individual and organizational integrity. True professionals recognize that goal and strive to meet it.

Dedication: "D" in the "IDEA" of professionalism stands for dedication. In my time in the Air Force, I have slowly come to realize that nothing is

truer than that old recruiting slogan: "The Air Force is more than just a job -- it is a way of life."

Anyone who doesn't think so needs only to spend a tour at one of our overseas bases or on deployment, where we all have to function together as part of our own small community.

Because of the closeness in which we live and work, we cannot treat the Air Force as another 8 to 5 job, shedding all responsibilities when we leave work and ignoring the needs of our communities until we return the next day. As professionals, we have to dedicate ourselves not to just the routine part of our work, but to the success of our overall mission and the quality of life in our communities.

Professionals enthusiastically put in the extra hours to get the job done. They volunteer, and encourage their families to volunteer, to fill the needs of our community to the best of their ability, whether as an office volunteer, a choir or Sunday School leader, a coach for one of the base teams, a Boy or Girl Scout leader, or any number of other jobs that mean the difference between just living and enjoying a true quality of life.

Dedication also means dedicated support of Air Force requirements and policies, as set forth in Air Force directives and instructions. As Air Force professionals, we have an obligation to learn and understand Air Force policy and to fairly and honestly apply that policy to the best of our ability, even if we might not agree with it on a personal level.

This applies to simple issues like drug abuse, and to the more emotionally charged, far-reaching issues like homosexuals in the military, or even the need for our recent, massive organizational changes.

Embrace change: "E" in "IDEA" means we must embrace change. Change in today's Air Force is a fact of life. As professionals, we must recognize that we do not live in a static environment.

Our mission and Air Force structure constantly shift to meet the needs of our changing world environment and changing technology. Change is inevitable and, if we are to continue to perform our mission, and do it well, we cannot fight that change. We have to embrace it and recognize that we are uniquely trained and qualified to deal with it.

As professionals, we must not only accept change; we must also plan for it and shape it with our own vision, to the best advantage of the Air Force. Someone once asked Helen Keller, who was born deaf, blind and mute, "What could be worse than being born without sight?" She responded without hesitation: "Being born with sight, but without vision."

True professionals recognize the truth of that statement and build on change, with a vision of what might be. They do not accept the status quo, but constantly strive to make it better.

Action: The "A" in "IDEA" stands for action, again and again and again. You can be as personally honest, dedicated and receptive to change as the day is long, but if you do not put those qualities into action, they amount to nothing.

As professionals, we not only have to recognize the value of these ideas, but also have to work at achieving them. We have to get involved in our communities and constantly work to correct our own actions and those of others around us.

Integrity, dedication, embracing change and action -- these are the hallmarks of the true professionals I have known and the values we must all strive for if we are to live up to their example. (Courtesy of Air Force Materiel Command News Service)

Ready to go once again

Warriors deploy to new location to support War on Terrorism



Deploying Warriors of the North wait on a bus Wednesday prior to boarding a KC-135R Stratotanker bound for a new location supporting the War 319th Operations Group boom operator, prepares to grab more equipment to load on the bus from the "oneon Terrorism.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

Deployers begin boarding the tanker that will take them to their new deployed location. This week alone saw hundreds of Warriors of the North deploy to the new location, Base Y, and for Operation



Capt. Annekristine Gaddis, 912th Air Refueling Squadron member and KC-135R pilot, loads gear into a bus prior to her departure for deployment Wednesday.



(Above) A deploying Warrior waits outside the plane he's deploying on Wednesday on the flightline. He was one of hundreds of Warriors of the North heading to places all around the globe. (Right) Tech. Sgt. Rod Cline, stop shop" in Building 607. The Building 607 location is where aircrew prepare for missions prior to departure.



Community

Today

FRIDAYS AT LIBERTY SQUARE

Open Skating at Liberty Square tonight for ages 6-18 from 6 to 10 p.m. The cost is only \$3 for admission and \$2 for skate rental!

The Teen Center at Liberty Square will be open tonight for ages 13-18 from 6 to 11 p.m.

DANCING AT THE CLUB

Come out to the Club tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. and dance to 'Club Mix' music with "DJ "C".

Saturday

PRETEEN VIDEO NIGHT

Come out and watch some videos tonight at the Youth Center! This is for ages 6 - 12 from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$1 and includes popcorn. Call 747-3150 for more information.

LIBERTY EAGLE QUILT

Join the Skills Development Center on March 10 to make a Liberty Eagle Wall Quilt from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$15 plus supplies. Pre-payment and pre-registration is required for all classes. Call 747-3482 to sign up.

KARAOKE AT THE CLUB

Come out to the Club tonight from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m. for Karaoke!

Monday

TEA PARTY PILLOW

Join the Skills Development Center on March 12 to make a Tea Party pillow from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 plus supplies. Pre-payment and pre-registration is required for all classes. Call 747-3482 to sign up.

YMCA CONTEST

A reminder that all YMCA Annual Essay Contest 2003 entries are due by March 10! Please bring all entries to the Youth Center, 747-3150.

Tuesday

PRETEEN MINI LOCK-IN

Sign up by today for the Youth Center's Mini Lock-In to be held on March 15 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. This event is for ages 6 – 12 and the cost is \$10, which includes dinner and snacks. There will be tournaments, arts & crafts projects, karaoke, video/computer games, movies and open gym activities!

A parent permission slip is required and we need 20 to hold. Sign up at the Youth Center, 747-3150.

Wednesday

WINNIPEG SHOPPING TRIP

Outdoor Recreation wants to take you to Winnipeg, Manitoba for a day of shopping on March 15! Spend the day enjoying Winnipeg's varied shopping opportunities. We'll stop at The Forks where you can shop for gourmet delights, unique gifts and even antiques! Next it is off to Polo Park Mall with its 200 stores spread over two spacious levels. Departure is at 8 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation and you will return late the same evening. Cost is \$17.50 per adult and \$10 children 12 & under accompanied by an adult, transportation only. Please sign up by March 12 at Outdoor Recreation, 747-3688.

ARTS AND CRAFTS NIGHT

The youth center is offering a FREE Arts and Crafts night tonight for ages six – 12 at 5:30 p.m. and ages 13 – 18 at 7:30 p.m. Call 747-3150 for more information.

Thursday

FAMILY CHILDCARE TRAINING

Family Child Care is offering a video series this month for the "new parents" support group, childcare programs or the general public on base. There will be training tonight and is FREE - no registration needed!

Information includes: I Am Your Child Parenting Video Series

- · Topics are Positive Discipline
- · Safe from the Start
- · Ready to Learn
- · The First Years Last Forever Classes are

March 13 - The First Years Last Forever

March 20 - Ready to Learn

March 27 - Safe from the Start

Time: Thursdays from 10 a.m. to noon **Place:** Family Child Care Office Bldg. 320

For details call Kelly Painter from Family Child Care Office 747-4506

This series is sponsored by the Family Child Care Office and The New Parent Support Program

TEEN STUDY GROUP

Teen Study Group every Thursday at the youth center for ages 13 – 18 from 7 to 8 p.m.

Upcoming

GIVE PARENTS A BREAK

Upcoming "Give Parents a Break" dates are March 15 and April 12. Give

Parents a Break provides eligible parents a few hours break from the stress of parenting. The Air Force Aid Society provides funding, making it possible for the Child Development Center to open and provide care for this special program. In order to take advantage of this program, families must be referred by one of the following base officials: Squadron Commander or First Sergeant, Chaplain, Doctor or medical professional, Family Advocacy personnel, Family Support Center personnel or Child Development Center personnel. Referred parents must make reservations the Wednesday prior. For details additional information contact the Child Development Center at 747-3042.

THE CLUB

The club is having a Pre-St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 15 starting at 6 p.m. There will be Irish stew and green beer. For details call the Club fat 747-3392.

SUPER SUNDAY BRUNCH

The Club is having their next Super Sunday Brunch on March 16 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.! Come and enjoy 2 meats, biscuits & gravy, eggs, fruit, waffles, omelets and more! Super Sunday Brunch is offered every first and third Sunday of the month. The following brunch will be on Apr. 6.

FAST EDDIE'S

Come try our new Smoothies in 5 delicious flavors: Tropical Fruit, Raspberry, Strawberry, Peach and Banana. Call us at 747-6201 for details.

EXTENDED DUTY CHILDCARE

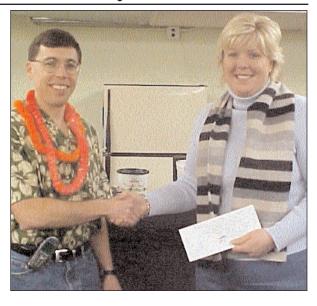
Air Force people returning from overseas deployments supporting Operation Enduring Freedom and working extended hours may be eligible for free childcare. Contact the Grand Forks AFB Family Child Care Office at 747-3158 to see if you are eligible.

The Extended Duty Child Care Program assists military families working extended hours by increasing the hours of care available in Air Force licensed Family Child Care Homes. This program provides services beyond the standard 50 hours of care that families are already purchasing in child care programs on or off base. This care is provided free of charge in contracted family childcare homes on base. Parents should contact the Family Child Care Office at 747-3158 for information on availability and eligibility requirements.

Community

Chili winner

Lt. Col. Fitts, 319th Services Squadron commander, congratulates Shelly Troff on winning the chili contest held Saturday at the golf course during the Hawaiian Open. Troff's chili recipe took first place among five entries. The golf tournament was postponed due to inclimate weather and has not yet been rescheduled.



Shelly Troff's Chili Recipe:

Dash of olive oil

1 1/2 lbs. lean ground beef

1/4 lb. (or less) ground pork sausage (I use less than 1/3 cup, just enough to enhance the flavor)

1 whole garlic clove, or 1 TBSP prepared, minced garlic

2 cans Del Monte Diced Tomatoes: "Basil, Garlic and Oregano" flavor

1 pkg. McCormick Chili Seasoning (I used Mild for this contest)

3 cans Campbell's Tomato Soup

1 /3 cup DARK brown sugar

4-5 generous shakes of Watkins Pepper; "Texas" flavor

1 tsp. cumin

1 tsp. chili powder

2 cans Bushes Best Chili Beans: Mild flavor

1 bay leaf

Saute' ground beef, sausage and minced garlic with a dash of olive oil in a large cooking pot. Cook and FINELY crumble the meats. Pour off any excess fat...although a touch of fat will give a better flavor.

Add to meat mixture:

2 cans of Diced Tomatoes, with all their liquid

One cup of water

1 Chili seasoning packet

Bring to boil and let tomatoes and liquid reduce a bit, approximately 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Reduce heat to a simmer temperature.

Add Campbell's Tomato soup (3)

1/3 cup brown sugar

4-5 generous shakes of Watkins pepper: Texas flavor

1 tsp. cumin

1 tsp. chili powder

Bay leaf

Cover and simmer on low heat for 30-45 minutes stirring frequently until the liquid is further reduced and your chili takes on a rich, dark color.

Add 2 cans of chili beans and cook an additional 10 or so minutes (beans will burst if cooked too long).

Remove chili from heat. Discard bay leaf, as its flavor will intensify too much after the Chili cools.

Makes approximately 13 1-cup servings.

Serve with cornbread, tortilla chips (great for scooping), and a dollop of sour cream or Mexi-Cheese on top.



Photo by Senior Airman Monte Volk

Roy Jensen gains his focus, lines up and is ready to let it fly. Jensen was part of four-man team that competed in the North Dakota State Dart Tournament Friday and Saturday. The team finished third out of 40 teams.

Eyeing success

Dart team finishes third in state

By Senior Airman Monte Volk Public affairs

He drops to his knees, throws his head back and his arms up. This isn't the pose of victory; it's to summon the 'Dart Gods.'

This is a pose Roy "Roy Boy" Jensen's teammates are used to seeing when he needs to make a clutch throw, and it's a pose they saw at the North Dakota State Dart Tournament held in Fargo Friday and Saturday. Jensen's team, sponsored by Rochus Gaming, placed third out of 40 teams in Division B.

Whether his prayers to the 'Dart Gods' work is uncertain, but it helps remind him of why he throws darts.

"I don't know if it works," said Jensen laughing. "It's not so much the competition I enjoy, it's going out, having fun, joking around and throwing darts. But it does help me relax a bit, and sometimes it breaks the concentration of our opponent." Like it did this past weekend.

Jensen's team needed a bull's-eye to win and he threw six darts, missing all six attempts ... but after his summons to the 'Dart Gods,' he got the bull's-eye and the team built some momentum and continued its success the rest of Friday night.

The teams threw soft-tip darts and played cricket in a race to five, or the first team to win five games at the state tournament.

The nine-year dart-throwing veteran said, "We lost our momentum on Saturday. Some games you throw so well the other team gives up and sometimes you're on the other end."

'Roy Boy' calls darts "a non-stress sport," yet he takes his darts and dartboard with him when he deploys to remain on top of his game.

Jensen also throws darts on base for his squadron, the 319th Communications Squadron, during intramural season. On his downtown team, he is the only base member and was the only base member to compete in the North Dakota State Dart Tournament.

On why he throws darts Jensen says, "It's somthing I'm good at. I've met countless friends over the years ... plus I enjoy it!"

Shorts

DAKOTA LANES

The Dakota Lanes Bowling Center is having a "9-pin-no-tap" tournament on Sat., March 15 starting at 8 p.m. Cost is \$12 per person and they will be giving away cash prizes! Call 747-3050 for more information.

ICE FISHING & SKI TRIPS

Outdoor Recreation has an upcoming ice-fishing trip scheduled for March 8. Cost is \$15 per person, \$25 couple, \$35 for a family up to four, (3-4, \$10 per additional family members). Departure will be from Outdoor Recreation at 7:00 a.m. and you will return mid-afternoon. Sign up at least one-day prior. Call 747-3688 for more information.

Join Outdoor Recreation every Saturday from now until the end of March on a Ski Trip! The next trips will be to: Frost Fire, March 8; and Buena Vista, March 15. Sign up at least one-day prior. Call 747-3688 to sign up, and/or for complete details.

FOOSBALL TOURNAMENT

There is a Teen Foosball Tournament for ages 13 – 18 at 8 p.m. tonight at Liberty Square. Call 747-3429 for more information.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

March 15 – Spring Crow season begins March 19 – Moose, Elk, Bighorn Sheep application deadline

April 1 – Smelt season opens, also 2003-2004 fishing licenses are now required

April 12 – Spring Turkey season opens **Ice Fishing Equipment:** Let ODR supply all your ice-fishing needs. We have two-and four-person Frabill portable ice shanties, 10-inch ice augers,

portable propane heaters and assorted ice fishing equipment.

Ski Equipment: We have purchased brand new downhill Rossignol "Stage two-inch shape skis with "Axium" bindings and cross-country Rossignol "Glade Runner" touring skis and X-6 boots! The season is upon us so come let ODR fit you for all your skiing needs! **Ski Resort Information:** There are six-downhill ski resort areas within a three hour, 30 minute drive from the base. All these offer reasonable rates for lift tickets, and the skiing is decent. We have all the information you'll need to get there, and up-to-date conditions on all the areas.

BOWLING CENTER

Unlimited Bowling: Sunday from 6 to 9 pm. \$5 per person unlimited bowling, first come first serve.

75 cent Bowling: Mon-Wed-Fri from

11am to 1 pm, 75 cents a game.

Saturday Galaxy Bowling: Galaxy Bowl starting at 8 pm! Register to win the next Saturday Galaxy Bowling free for you and one other person. Must be used the following Saturday night. Cannot be carried over to any other Saturday night. Family Bowling: Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person per game. Limit three games.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRIP

Outdoor Recreation has a Cross-Country Ski Trip planned for March 8 to Turtle River State Park, ND. Departure is at 10 a.m. from Outdoor Recreation and you will be returning same day, mid afternoon.

Cost is \$15 per person, \$35 for family up to four (\$10 each additional member). Please sign up one-day prior, 747-3688.